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Reference: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request **EPA-HQ-2018-000789**

Dear Mr. Soraghan,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on October 19, 2017. In your request, you asked for access to and copy of all procurement requests, purchase card orders, blanket purchase agreement obligations or contract obligations (through General Services Administration (GSA) or directly with vendors) for the purchase of office furniture for the Office of the Administrator between January 1, 2017 and September 1, 2017. On November 2, 2017, in a telephone conversation with Kirk Marusak of my staff, you clarified your FOIA request and stated that you wanted a document providing details (e.g., purchase amount, materials used) about the new desk purchased by or for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt. I am providing you with a copy of the purchase order invoice used to buy a Captain's desk for Administrator Pruitt, and it includes details about the desk. The Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) is withheld from the respective document.

The withheld information has been claimed confidential business information. In accordance with EPA's Class Determination I-95 (located at <http://www.epa.gov/oam/foia/i95.pdf>), the withheld information is exempt from disclosure under Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4) of the FOIA, as it constitutes commercial or financial information obtained from a person and is considered privileged or confidential. Accordingly, it is the policy of the EPA not to disclose such information.

You can download the document from the Agency FOIA system, FOIAonline. This letter concludes our response to your request. As noted above, the information withheld under Exemption 4 will be sent to the appropriate legal office to issue a final confidentiality determination. Therefore, you do not need to appeal the information withheld pursuant to Exemption 4. Once the legal office issues a final confidentiality determination, EPA will

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notify you whether the information qualifies for confidential treatment or may be released. To the extent you would like to appeal any other issue, including any non-Exemption 4 withholdings, you may appeal this partial denial response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, D.C. 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), E-mail: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the U.S. Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, D.C. 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90 calendar day limit.

In your FOIA request submitted on October 19, 2017, you approved costs up to \$25.00. However, there are no invoice charges for FOIA Request EPA-HQ-2018-000789 since the search and review costs were not enough to become billable.

Please also reference for identification purposes **EPA-HQ-2018-000789** in any communication. Should there be any questions regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to contact Kirk Marusak at (202) 564-4493 or via e-mail at marusak.kirk@epa.gov. Thank you for your interest in the EPA.

Sincerely,



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